

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Pending Claims

Claims 20 and 33 have been amended. No new claims have been added. Claims 6-19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by this Amendment, and claims 1-5, 21-32 and 34-36 were canceled in a prior Amendment. Accordingly, claims 20 and 33 are now pending in this application. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 6, 7, 11-19, 20 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gase, U.S. Patent No. 5,580,177 (hereafter "Gase") in view of Barsness, U.S. Patent No. 5,960,206 (hereafter "Barsness"), further in view of Weyand, U.S. Patent No. 6,930,785 (hereafter "Weyands"). Claims 8-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gase in view of Barsness, further in view of Weyand, and still further in view of Ishida, U.S. Patent No. 5,367,618. The rejections of claims 6-19 are moot in light of the cancellation of these claims. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections of claims 22 and 33, and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections for the following reasons.

In the rejections of claims 20 and 33, the Office Action asserts at page 10 that it is well known that each packet includes a sender's address, and that thus, the driver sent from the server includes the IP address of the server, which is the address that

will be accessed the next time a driver is requested. The Office Action further states that a HTTP packet encapsulated by an IP packet provides both a "sender address" field and a "last hop address" field in the header, and that the "sender address", the address of the remote website server, would comprise the "location on said network to be accessed upon the next acquisition", and the "last hop" address, the printer server, is the "sender address".

Applicants' amended claims 20 and 33 now include that

...the print related information which is acquired from the prescribed location on said network contains, in addition to information concerning the prescribed location, information concerning a prescribed location on said network to be accessed upon the next acquisition of said print related information...

Thus, the amendments to claims 20 and 33 clarify that the information concerning a prescribed location on said network to be accessed upon the next acquisition is different from information in the "sender address" field or the "last hop address" field of a packet header. For example, the prescribed location on the network to be accessed upon the next acquisition of print related information is not necessarily the address of the sender of the previously-acquired print related information. For instance, if the address location changes for the server for providing the print related information, and such change is previously known to the server, the information of the future address to be accessed is included in the downloaded print related information sent to the network board (see, e.g., page 19, lines 15-20 of Applicants' specification).

Claims 20 and 33 now include that the print related information which is acquired from a prescribed location on said network contains, in addition to information concerning the prescribed location, information concerning a prescribed location on said network to be accessed upon the next acquisition of said print related information. Thus, the print related information includes a prescribed location for a next acquisition in addition to information regarding the current prescribed location. This is different from a sender address and/or a last hop address, and is neither taught, nor suggested by the art of record. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 20 and 33 are allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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